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week previously there were in that town 6 cases of smallpox, all of which had been quarantined. Lieutenant Jarvis considered this report reliable, and together we saw General Randall concerning it. It was then decided to have all vessels coming down the Yukon River inspected at St. Michael. The surgeon of the revenue cutter *Nunivak* was directed to make the inspections and to vaccinate all persons on these vessels who were found to be unprotected against the disease. As he had no virus with which to do this, I sent him 250 tubes.

Respectfully,

BAYLIS H. EARLE,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Sickness on the steamship Alki at Juneau—Enteric fever at Juneau.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, July 22, 1900.

SIR: The steamship *Alki* arrived this a. m. with nearly half of her crew on the sick list, including the captain. They complained of headache, vomiting, with griping pains over abdomen, and loss of appetite, and 2 of the number with diarrhea. They all presented the same symptoms more or less severe. On examination I found that they had all been drinking ice water, the ice taken from meat chest, with meat, codfish, and liver lying on top of the ice with the codfish, and some of the meat tainted. Most of the men are getting better, but the ship will remain in port twenty-four hours.

The men complain that the water from Seattle is very bad. I have had all the tanks emptied and a fresh supply taken aboard; advised the cleaning out of the meat chest, and the men not to use any more of the ice.

I could not determine on a positive diagnosis, but feel reasonably sure it is from contamination of the ice, as I could find no other source of infection aboard the ship. Please give me the benefit of your opinion from the above facts.

Respectfully,

SAML. C. LEONHARDT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, July 31, 1900.

SIR: Of the 11 cases treated from steamship *Alki* on her return from Skaguay, 2 were unable to proceed to Seattle and received further treatment at this station and stopping at one of the hotels. Both have since recovered. There were 15 or 20 more of the crew who showed slight symptoms, but were not serious enough to need medicine.

Nineteen new cases of enteric fever have been cared for in the hospital; 3 have died, 25 were discharged, and 15 remain under treatment. Total number of cases, 43. Another camp, 2 miles nearer town, has sent in 3 cases of the above number.

Respectfully,

SAML. C. LEONHARDT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Inspection at Seattle of Cape Nome vessels.

SEATTLE, WASH., August 9, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the following vessels have been inspected at this station during the two weeks ended August 4, 1900, viz: Vessels sailing from Nome, August 2, steamer *Elihu Thompson*, crew, 34; passengers, 12. Vessels arriving from Nome, August 1, steamer *Cleveland*, crew 45; passengers, 150. August 3, schooner *Fisher Brothers*, crew, 6; passengers, 5.